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SUBJECT: MBFR: APRIL 10 SPC MEETING

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1. TIMING: AT APRIL 10 SPC MEETING, CHAIRMAN
ANNOUNCED THAT GUIDANCE AUTHORIZING TABLING
THE NEW INITIATIVE HAD BEEN SENT TO VIENNA AS
C-M (78)28.

2. AVERAGE MANNING LEVEL (AML) GUIDANCE: SPC
AGREED TO THE US LANGUAGE FOR PARA 1 WITH THE
BELGIAN/ITALIAN DELETIONS (REF A). FRG REP THEN
PROPOSED THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING PHRASE TO
THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THAT PARA:

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- BEGIN TEXT: AFTER "REPLY ON THIS POINT,"
ADD "...AND SUBJECT TO A POSITIVE WARSAW PACT
RESPONSE ON A BREAKDOWN OF AIR FORCE DATA..."
END TEXT.

3. UK, BELGIAN, US AND DUTCH REPS SPOKE AGAINST

THE FRG ADDITION, ARGUING THAT THE NEW LANGUAGE SEEMED CONTRARY TO WESTERN INTERESTS AND TENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE LINKAGE TO AIR MANPOWER ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE EAST. ITALIAN REP FELT LANGUAGE WAS NOT WELL-PLACED, BUT SAID SPC SHOULD AT LEAST GO ON RECORD AS STRONGLY FAVORING A FURTHER, PROMPT AIR MANPOWER DISAGGREGATION.

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4. ASSOCIATED MEASURES: US REP CIRCULATED ASSOCIATED MEASURES PAPER PER REF B. SPC WILL DISCUSS THE MANDATE FOR THIS STUDY AT ITS NEXT MEETING, APRIL 13. COMMENT: PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE UK (BUT NOT THE FRG) WILL CHOOSE TO PURSUE THE ASSOCIATED MEASURE ISSUE AT THE "POLITICAL", I.E., SPC LEVEL. WHILE THIS MIGHT BE THE BEST APPROACH, SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL CERTAINLY SEEK A WORKING GROUP ASSESSMENT. THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS AN AGREEMENT TO TREAT ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN PARALLEL IN BOTH SPC AND WG FORA. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: BY OOB APRIL 13, COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FRG ADDITION TO PARA 1. WE BELIEVE NEW FRG LANGUAGE FOR THE AML GUIDANCE, EVEN IF CORRECTLY PHRASED OR PLACED ELSEWHERE IN THE TEXT, SECRET

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SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE. IF AML DISCUSSION DEVELOPS IN VIENNA, AHG WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO COUNCIL FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND THE ISSUE OF THE PROPER, IF ANY, "QUID" CAN BE AIRED AT THAT TIME. BENNETT

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